

Remarks

The Applicants have amended Claim 20 so that it contains a series of process steps separated into discrete paragraphs for ease of understanding. Claim 20 also recites the position identifier allows synchronization of the modified stream with the received complementary information. Support may be found in the Applicants' specification at paragraphs [0039] and [0044], for example.

Claims 20, 28, 30 and 36 have been amended to change "image/picture" to "image or picture." Claims 27 and 29 have been amended to provide appropriate antecedent basis.

Entry of the above changes to the above-mentioned claims into the official file is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-36 stand objected to because of the format. As noted above, the Applicants have amended Claim 20 so that it now comprises a set of discrete steps broken into separate paragraphs for ease of understanding. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 28-30 and 36 stand objected to over a variety of formalities. Claims 20, 28, 30 and 36 have accordingly been amended as noted above to change "images/pictures" to "images or pictures." Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Line 2 of Claim 20 has been amended to provide antecedent basis with respect to the "nominal stream." Withdrawal of that objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 29 has been objected to address the antecedent basis issue in line 4. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested based on the above-mentioned amendment.

Claims 20-24, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34 and 36-38 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over the combination of Moeller with Dawson. The Applicant note with appreciation the Examiner's detailed comments hypothetically applying a combination against those claims. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that Dawson is not prior art. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the

rejection must fail.

The Applicants enclose a Verified English Translation of the Applicants' French priority application with a filing date of December 9, 2002. The Applicants respectfully submit that the December 9, 2002 filing date of the French priority document well precedes the February 19, 2003 filing date of Dawson.

Reference to the Verified English Translation of the French priority document reveals that the claimed subject matter is fully supported by that document. As a consequence, the Applicants have established that Dawson is not prior art with respect to Claims 20-24, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34 and 36-38. Withdrawal of the rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 over the further combination of Dawson '994 with Moeller and Dawson ('969). Inasmuch as Dawson ('969) is not prior art, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection must be withdrawn.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 over the further combination of Kato with Moeller and Dawson. The Applicants respectfully submit that inasmuch as Dawson is not prior art, this rejection must fail as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 over the further combination of Dawson '185 with Moeller and Dawson ('969). Inasmuch as Dawson ('969) is not prior art, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection must be withdrawn.

Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 over the further combination of Crikantan with Moeller and Dawson. The Applicants respectfully submit that inasmuch as Dawson is not prior art, this rejection must fail as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 29 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. The Applicants respectfully submit that those claims

remain allowable in dependent form and are further patentable as depending on Claim 1 in view of the withdrawal of the combination of Moeller with Dawson.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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